opening of a M.C.D. Primary School in Vasant Vihar C.P.W.D., Complex, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the number of such requests;

(c) whether Government propose to open a primary school in this area in the near future in the interest of education of children of the locality; and

(d) if so, by when the school is likely to be opened and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has a proposal to open a Primary School in Vasant Vihar C.P.W.D. Complex, New Delhi. The same is likely to be opened during 1988-89.

Setting up of an expert group on killer diseases

1426. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had set up an expert group of killer diseases;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the said group have submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, what are the salient features of their recommendations;

(e) what is the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken by the Government on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, for specific diseases such as Cancer, AIDS, etc., Government have set up Committees to advise on policy matters as well as programme implementation.

Amount released for implementation of "Operation Black-Board"

1427. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by the Central Government so far to the State Governments for the implementation of the 'Operation Blackboard', State-wise; and

(b) the amount to be released during 1988-89 for this purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The amount released by the Central Government so far to the State Governments for the implementation of the Operation Blackboard during 1987-88 is given below:

S. No.	State	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Gujarat	231.84
2	Rajasthan	703.46
3	Uttar Pradesh	1297.09
4	Punjab	334.11
5	Haryana	62.93
6	Kerala	140.31
7	Orissa	753.00
	TOTAL	3522.74